

June 2026

ZION PROCLAIMER

"Noble Note"

Words matter. What we say and how we say it can have a huge impact on us and others. Words have a certain kind of power behind them, because not only does every word have meaning, but they create images and ideas and messages that can shape the world around us. And yet, more times than most, we tend to use our words loosely, allowing our emotions to speak rather than our reason.

Proverbs 12:18 tells us that, *"There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing"* and also from **Proverbs 18:21**, *"The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit"*.

What a great reminder of the power that lies behind our words. So much so that it even causes us to ask ourselves, "Are we being wise with our words? Or are we being foolish? Are our words bringing life and healing? Or are they bringing pain and death? Are we using our words to build people up or to tear them down?"

The answer to these questions might be convicting because they reveal how thoughtless and harsh we have been with our words, but don't let the devil shove that guilt in your face and pay no attention to his accusations. Because thanks be to God that we have Jesus' words which cover our own; we have God's words which bring healing and life!

Listen closely when you read and hear God's Word. Rejoice often when His forgiveness, grace, and mercy is spoken to you. Rest in His comfort of His voice as He calls you His own. And shape your words, speech, and messages around His Word.

We have been called by Jesus to be witnesses of all that He has said and done. We are to use our voices to speak His words into this world. We are to use our own words to point people to the importance of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension!

There's this song from Toby Mac that pops into my head now and then titled *Speak Life*. Not only is it comforting, encouraging, and catchy, but it serves as a reminder of how we are to use our words to glorify God and to care for our neighbors. Here are some of the lyrics:

*So speak life, speak life, to the deadest, darkest night.
Speak life, speak life, when the sun won't shine and you don't know why.
Look into the eyes of the brokenhearted.
Watch 'em come alive as soon as you speak hope, You speak love, you speak life.*

May we use our words to bring life and healing to this world. May we use our words to speak Jesus!

*In His Service,
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“Serve the
Lord with
Gladness”

EVENING CIRCLE:

The Evening Circle will be meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, June 3rd at the home of Sandy Hunter

MARTHA CIRCLE:

Sandy Hunter

CHANCEL CIRCLE:

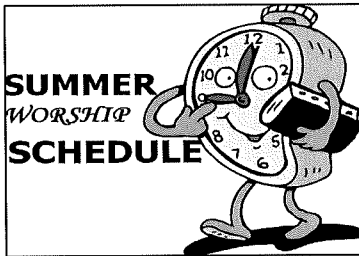
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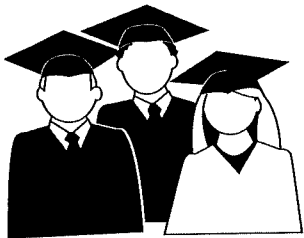


This reminder goes out endlessly, but sewing circle is **ALWAYS** in need of sheets, lightweight blankets, and **NEW** material for making quilt tops, middles and backs. A small group of ladies are the core of this worthwhile project. Quilt tops/backs are made at home and the quilts are tied at church. The VBS will be using this project again, and it anticipated that this year's group will assemble 40 or more quilts. This means that at least 120 tops, insides and backs are needed!!! The large pieces of material (especially sheets) speed up the job!



Divine Worship: 10:00 am

Adult Bible Class 9:00 am



Scholarship Recipients

We would like to offer our congratulations Wyatt Ragaller who was the recipient of the Violetta Andersen Scholarship and to Devon Ehlers, Alison Skinner & Jaxx Luetje, who were the recipients of the Zion Memorial Scholarship. Other members of Zion who were graduating are: Abby Klink, Lynn Hensel and Ty Muhlbauer

V.B.S



Greetings to all students and friends of Zion. This is a reminder that V.B.S. will be held **Monday-Thursday, June 8-11th**. Our theme this year is "Tropical Trek" An unforgettable Journey with Jesus. Our classes will begin with opening devotions at 8:30 am (so plan your arrival accordingly) and will end with closing devotions at 11:30 am. All children ages 4 through the 6th grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

REMINDERS: 1) Students are reminded that "good" clothes should **NOT** be worn as some craft projects can be kind of messy. 2) Daily offerings will be taken and given for a special mission project.

QUILTS: The 5th-6th Graders will be tying quilts with anticipation of out doing the number from last year. If you have any sheets, lightweight blankets, etc, please bring them to the church as this will help with the project.

MISSION PROJECT FOR 2026: Our offering this year will be used for the local Food Pantries and also for the Crossroads Storks Nest and Foster Care Closet: If you child would like they can bring Non Perishable Food items for the Food Pantry or any baby items for the Stork's nest (wipes, bibs, sleepers, onsies, kids' pajamas, underwear, diapers and kids shampoo and soaps)

T-SHIRTS: Students are reminded that they can bring a T-shirt to have the VBS decal ironed on. Please make sure the child's name and grade are marked on the shirt.

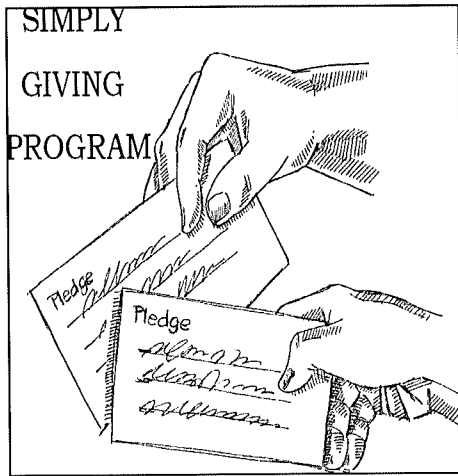
*"The Son of Man came to seek and
to save the lost!"*

Luke 19:10

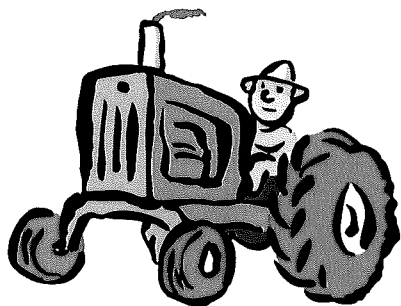
V.B.S

June 8-11, 2026

8:30-11:30 am



In the busy times we are currently in, handling the finances of our congregation is requiring more and more work. In an effort to save our financial people time we ask that you consider an old idea, that of the Simply Giving Program. To refresh your memory, Simply Giving is a program where once a week, once a month, or twice a month, your offering is automatically deducted from your checking account and automatically deposited into the churches account. All you will need to do is once a week (or whatever you choose) is to record the amount in your check register. That is all there is to it. The amount is set by you and doesn't change unless you request it to be changed or discontinued. Special services like Advent, Lent, Christmas, etc are **NOT** automatically deducted and we would encourage you to use your offering envelopes for those services just like in the past. For each person our Financial Secretary has to handle 52 envelopes and bookkeeping entries per year, and when you multiply that by approximately 250 envelope numbers, that is a significant amount of work that could be avoided by using the Simply Giving Program. An additional bonus would be that our giving throughout the year would be more consistent. We prayerfully ask that you consider making this small change that would be of big help. To learn more about this program, please contact the church office



HARVEST ACCOUNT

As in the past several years many members of Zion have offered their thanks to the Lord at harvest (or anytime) by presenting a part of their harvest to the Lord. If you would like to offer a gift to the Lord you can do so by letting the Arcadia Elevator know how many bushels of corn or beans you would like to give and that it is for Zion's Harvest Account



DADDY'S HANDS

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer
 And reaching' out to hold me, when I had a nightmare
 You could read quite a story in the callous' and lines
 Years of work and worry had left their mark behind I remember dad-
 dy's hands how they held my mama tight
 And patted my back for something done right
 There are things that I'd forgotten that I loved about the man
 But I'll always remember the love in daddy's hands . Daddy's hands
 were soft and kind when I was cryin'
 Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong
 Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to understand
 There was always love in daddy's hands. I remember daddy's hands
 workin' 'til they bled
 Sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed
 If I could do things over, I'd live my life again
 And never take for granted the love in daddy's hands
 By Holly Dunn

'Well, kiddo, it's you and me!'

T.J., a boy with developmental delays, is featured in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Children With Special Needs*. T.J. and his father, who'd long yearned for a son, settled into a routine of daily outings.

Stacey, one of T.J.'s sisters, was moved when she realized how much their father loved that together time. One day, as their dad made T.J. laugh, "T.J. stopped and reached up to softly touch our father's face," Stacey writes. "My dad looked down at him and said ... 'Well, kiddo, it looks like it's you and me for the rest of my life.' There wasn't a sense of sadness or burden in my father's voice, only acceptance and unconditional love."

Our Father God says the same to each of us: "Well, kiddo, it's you and me forever!" No matter our weaknesses, our differences or even our tendencies to avoid time with him, God speaks with complete acceptance and love. He loves being with us — just as we are — and rejoices to be our Father forever.

A father's love

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a part.

There's always a place for him deep in your heart.

And each year that passes, you're even more glad,

More grateful and proud just to call him your dad!

—Author unknown

This age-old refrain of young travelers is followed by a second question: "How much longer?" How similar those queries are to the psalmist's oft-repeated cry, "How long, O Lord, how long?"

(Psalm 6:3b, NIV).

Patience is an uncommon virtue these days. We're anxious to get where we're going or to get what we want. But think how much we miss while wishing we were elsewhere! In our rush to reach a destination, we fail to grasp lessons that can be learned only along the way.

What blessings might you be overlooking in the here-and-now and the right-where-you-are?

—Kari Myers

What is a Christian family?

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which parents so live the Christian life, and practice the presence of God that children come to accept God as the greatest reality of life.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one in which each member is accepted and respected as a person having sacred worth.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that accepts the responsibility of worship and instruction to the end of developing the spiritual life of each person.

A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that manifests a faith in God, observes daily prayer and grace at meals.

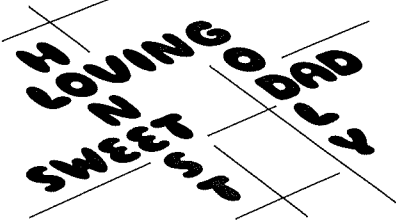
A CHRISTIAN FAMILY is one that is committed to behavior in keeping with Christian ideals for family relations, community life, and national and world citizenship.

June 21, 2026

FATHER'S
DAY

A WORD COLLAGE FOR Dad

Create this artwork to express your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

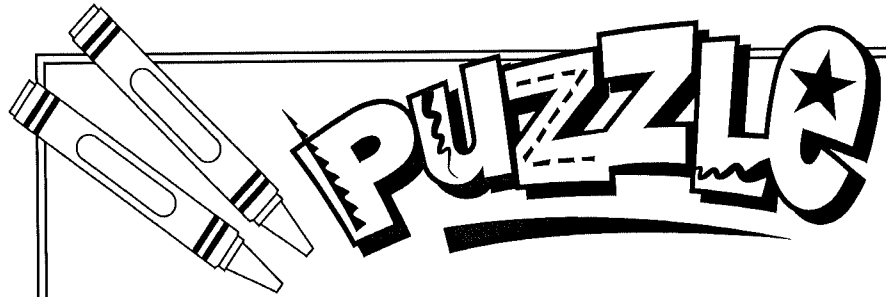


What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers (or foam letters and glue)

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his titles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange words in a crossword style, both horizontally and vertically.
3. When you have a design you like, stick the words onto the blank canvas or board.
4. Present the gift to your dad or another special man on Father's Day. He'll enjoy this reminder of your love and appreciation.



A FATHER'S LOVE

Psalm 103:13 (NIV) describes what God the Father feels toward us:
 "As a father has _____ on his children, so the LORD has _____ on those who fear him."

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the line to complete the Bible verse above.

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| • Shem, Ham and Japheth = M | • Rachel and Leah = S | • Cain, Abel and Seth = O |
| • Solomon = O | • Isaac and Ishmael = P | • Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Naphtali, Asher and Dinah = S |
| • Jonathan = I | • John the Baptist = N | |
| • Jesus = C | • Jacob and Esau = A | |

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| God: | "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." | <u>C</u> |
| Adam: | God gave him another son because his older killed the younger. | _____ |
| Noah: | His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. | _____ |
| Abraham: | God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descended from these two sons. | _____ |
| Isaac: | His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. | _____ |
| Laban: | He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger very beautiful. Both married Jacob. | _____ |
| Jacob: | Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. | _____ |
| Saul: | His son was David's best friend. | _____ |
| David: | He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. | _____ |
| Zechariah: | His son, a cousin to Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. | _____ |

Answers: compassion

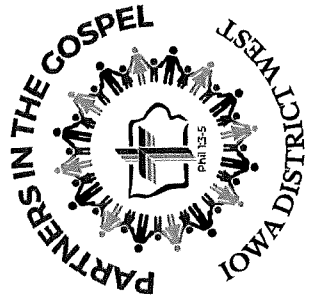




JUNE

Birthdays & anniversaries

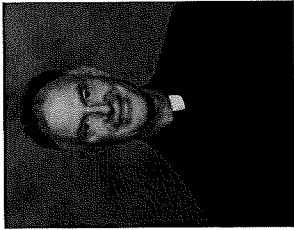
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Marilyn Mueggenberg Anna Schuette Cara Schuette Steve & Tammy Leiting	2	3	4 Lois Dirks Caroline Niehaus	5 Andrew Leiting	6
7 Jeff & Dawn Luetje	8 Adam & Renee Vetter	9 Rachel Travis Rich & Marilyn Mueggenberg	10 Duane Bald Sara Skinner Logan Sterk	11 Mitchel Rickers Doug & Beth Hansman	12 Doug Schuette	13 Nick Backhaus Julie Liechti Andrea Vonnahme
14 Tasha Bair	15 Rodonna Neumann	16 Mary Erps Jon Vetter Shawne Wittrock Larry & Jean Jons	17 Kyle & Brooke Bass Dale & Beth Wittrock	18 Adam Vetter	19	20 Easton Prebeck Jessica Scott
21 Joe Peterson Ben & Stephanie Von Glan	22 Mary Bruhn Dale Musfeldt	23 Brooks Gallagher Waylan Scott	24	25 Carm Thiedeman	26 Marcus Brockman Dan & Deb Wittrock	27
28 Duane & Shirley Bald Nick & Danielle Schrud	29 Delaney Schurke	30 Kim Brockman Collin Koch Brandt Muhlbauer Ross Schuette				30



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Christ's Mission!

June 2026

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Pentecost

Fifty days after Easter -- comes Pentecost
When God sends the Holy Spirit to empower people to
search for the lost wherever they've been thrown and tossed.
Together in a room, they hear a mighty wind sound.
The Holy Spirit helps them to speak in other languages to
people around.
This does amaze and astound.

They speak of God's works -- crowds ask, "What does this mean?"

Speaking Greek, Cappadocian, and every language between.
This is quite the scene.

Huge crowds gather -- some joke the disciples are drunk with wine.
Peter says, "No, it's morning --- it's only nine!
From God, this is a sign."

Now learn about Jesus -- the Man Whom you killed.
This, all along is something God willed.
For God, His family, to build.

This Jesus you crucified -- He's raised from the dead.
The crowd cries, "What shall we do?!" They are filled with dread.
Knowing Jesus led.

Repent and be baptized, your children and you.
In baptism, God offers a start that is new.
His promise true.

Devoting themselves to Scripture study, worship, communion & prayer.
God daily adds children to His family there.
Jesus does care.

Rev. Paul Egger, District President

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LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Webinar

Join the LCMS Foundation for a free online webinar, *Stewarding God's Gifts: A Plan to Care for Your Family and Support the Ministries You Love*, on Tuesday, June 16, from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM CDT. Led by Leon Schoenfeld, LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor for Iowa District West, this session will help you understand the basics of Christian gift planning and how your will or estate plan can provide for your loved ones and support the ministries you care about.



To learn more and register visit: <https://www.lcmsfoundation.org/idw-giftplanning-webinar-2026>

2026 Iowa March For Life

All members of IDW congregations are invited to participate in the **Iowa March for Life** on Saturday, June 20. The day begins at Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines (3223 University Ave.) with a Matins Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m. A lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. After lunch, participants will travel to the Iowa State Capitol for the March, beginning at noon. All are encouraged to come, pray, worship, and walk together as witnesses for life.



Singles Retreat



Lutheran Singles

Adults ages 21–41 are invited to join us for the 4th Annual LCMS Lutheran Singles Retreat August 21–23! Enjoy a weekend of fellowship, faith-building, and fun at the beautiful setting of Camp Okoboji. Cost is \$100 for the weekend (includes lodging, meals, and activities) This retreat is an opportunity to grow in your faith, experience uplifting worship, engaging conversations, and relaxing time in God's creation. Contact Rev. Dr. Keith Schweitzer for more information at 641-745-5143 or keithlcms@gmail.com. Register online: faithwinterset.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 25...** Memorial Day—District Office Closed
- June 6...** Synod Convention Orientation, IDW Office, Fort Dodge
- June 11-13...** LWML District Convention, Camp Okoboji
- June 16...** Foundation Gift Planning Webinar, Online
- June 20...** Iowa March For Life, Trinity Lutheran/State Capitol, Des Moines
- June 21...** Father's Day

For more information on Iowa District West activities, view *The Messenger* at www.idwlcms.org/publications.php

We sing “noble” in our hymn “We praise You and acknowledge You.” Stanza two: “The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and NOBLE throng.” Think about noble people. John the Baptizer, after pointing to Jesus and revealing Him to be the Lamb of God Who takes away our sins, John willingly sacrificing his head in order to speak of marital purity. Who else? James, killed with the sword while bringing God’s love in Jesus to whomever would listen. Think about noble people.

Think about noble Jesus, the Christ.

Wait...noble? He doesn’t look very noble. God’s prophet Isaiah reports, “He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him – nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him...Like One from Whom men hide their faces, He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.”

Jesus? Noble? Just look at Him. Covered with spit and blood. Bruises. Heckled. Crucified.

Noble Jesus!

Nowhere to lay His head while searching for you. Hated by the world in loving you.

Losing Himself to death in rescuing you. Standing up again.

Death defeater and satan trampler.

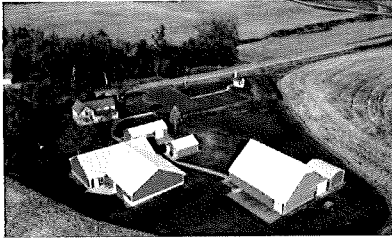
Sinful thinking remover.

Mind and soul peace Giver.

NOBLE JESUS – THINK ABOUT HIM!

Finally, brothers, whatever is noble, think about such things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Pastor Paul Egger



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June 2026



It was truly a special day on April 18, 2026, when we welcomed TWO wonderful missionaries here to Mission Central: Rev. Dr. Tom Park from Taiwan and Rev. Herb Burch from Belize. Here you see folks from all over Iowa, as well as people who came from Minnesota to hear the dynamic presentations of these two veteran missionaries.

What a blessing to welcome a full busload of NOT NORMAL people from Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Urbandale, IA, on April 25. We were so happy to provide them with a complete tour of our campus, and the majority of people had never been to Mission Central before! It was indeed a day that these dear folks will never forget!



April 28, 2026, was a day that we will never forget. Students, faculty, and parents from Christ Lutheran School in Norfolk, NE, came to visit us at Mission Central. What a wonderful group of young missionaries! They were "sworn in" as missionaries for the rest of their lives, and they enjoyed a full tour of our campus. Please encourage other Lutheran schools to bring their students here to Mission Central. It will be an experience they will always remember!

Confirmation students, parents, grandparents, and pastors from Sioux Falls, SD, came to visit us on May 2. Most of them had never been here before, and they got to see and hear WHY we send and support missionaries all over the world. We want other people to have what WE have—forgiveness and life, comfort and joy, hope and peace through faith in Jesus. It was a day they will never forget!



May 6 was a very special day when the Lord brought our "Barn Cleaners" to Mission Central to clean the Barn Museum and Wayside Chapel. Twice a year, a group of hearty volunteers gathers to completely clean these buildings! A simple "thank you" seems so inadequate to express our deep appreciation for these fine folks. They are truly blessings from God, and we cherish them and their dedicated commitment.

On May 8, Rev. James Sharp, our dear missionary in Puerto Rico, came and brought with him our lead missionary in Jamaica, the Rev. Obit Ite. We gave Pastor Ite a full tour of our campus, and here you see them both in front of our "Jesus picture" in the office. Rev. Ite was so impressed by his visit, and it was a day we will always remember.





Education Youth Family Life

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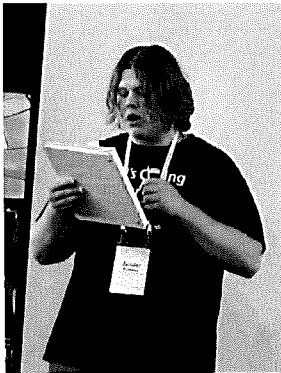


Five Youth from across Iowa District West attended YouthLead in St. Louis, Missouri in March. LCMS YouthLead is a multi-day leadership training experience for high school students who desire to grow as Christian leaders in their congregations and communities. Through Christ-centered Bible study, practical leadership skill development, and peer-to-peer learning led primarily by teens, participants are equipped to lead devotions, Bible studies, and youth ministry efforts back home. YouthLead emphasizes identity and vocation in Christ, helping teens see that they are not just the church of tomorrow, but the church today—called and gifted by God to serve, lead, and share His love right now. Each year there is a different curriculum. The 2026 curriculum was focused on Apologetics. Youth learned to defend their faith in Jesus.



Pictured L to R Back Row: Rhonda Mohr, Ben Meseck, Zander Richards, and Rev. Robert Zellmer

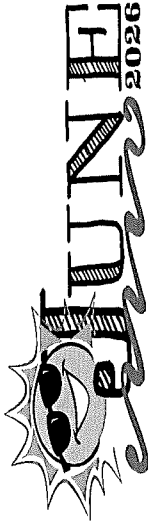
Front Row: Luther Eggleston, Lilah Reed, and Ada Graham



Zander Richards pictured above gave this comment: *“YouthLead was an opportunity to get away from all the fears we have living in this world and become centered in Christ once more. I gained new tools in the defense of my faith and new friends to share my struggles with.”*

2027 YouthLead in St. Louis
March 13-16, 2027
or
April 24-27, 2027





	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 7:00 Evening Circle	4	5	6
7 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	8 8:30-11:30 VBS	9 8:30-11:30 VBS	10 8:30-11:30 VBS	11 8:30-11:30 VBS	12	13
14 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC 11:00 Council Meeting	15 Pastor @ Camp Okoboji	16 Pastor @ Camp Okoboji	17 Pastor @ Camp Okoboji	18 Pastor @ Camp Okoboji	19 Pastor @ Camp Okoboji	20 Pastor @ Camp Okoboji
21 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 Chr Ed 10:00 DW/HC	29	30	27			

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Dwight Ehlers
Randy Neumann
Curtis Ehlers
Devon Ehlers
Zack Kraus

Brian Kraus
Jake Kraus
Dale Lenz
Ryan Neumann
Riley Neumann

Chancel Circle
Lajeane Shiney
Stacie Muhlbauer

Parish Circle
Deb Owen

Martha Circle
Sandy Hunter

VBS June 8-11
8:30-11:30 am



Life is *better*
together.

Join us for worship this
Sunday and be part of
something bigger!